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1. SUGGEST EMBASSY CONTACT MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SEEK TO ELICIT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ENABLE DEPARTMENT TO DECIDE HOW WE CAN BEST BE RESPONSIVE TO GOB NOTE OUTLINED IN REFTEL. IN MAKING THIS ORAL DEMARCHE YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW FROM FOLLOWING WHICH IS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GENESIS OF SAR CONFERENCE.
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A. PREVIOUS SAR CONFERENCES WERE HELD IN APRIL 1967 IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (T&T), OCTOBER 1969 BY COAST GUARD AT MIAMI AND NOVEMBER 1970 BY T&T. OUTSIDE CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES (CCC) ATTENDEES HAVE BEEN GRENADA, FRENCH WEST INDIES, MARTINIQUE, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, VENEZUELA, UNITED KINGDOM, U.S. NAVY AND U.S. AIR FORCE. THESE CONFERENCES WERE PREPARED WELL IN ADVANCE OF MEETING WITH FIRM AGRENDA OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCES WAS TO ASSESS TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SAR, DEVELOP STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES, AND TO COORDINATE SAR ACTIVITIES. ICAO SAR PLAN HAS BEEN BASIS FOR SAR, BUT IS

ORIENTED TOWARD AVIATION THUS MAKING IT NECESSARY ADAPT IT ALSO TO COVER MARITIME REQUIREMENTS. IMCO PLANNING FORESEES USING SAME SAR COORDINATION REGIONS FOR MARITIME AS ICAO USES. LATTER WOULD BE A PURPOSEFUL DISCUSSION ITEM FOR ANY FUTURE CONFERENCE. THE COAST GUARD HAS NOT BEEN UNMINDFUL THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER SAR CONFERENCE. THE SUGGESTION FOR ANOTHER CONFERENCE WAS INITIATED IN GEORGETOWN AT EIGHTH COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE. IT APPARENTLY GREW OUT OF CONCERN THAT USG SAR CAPABILITY HAD BEEN REDUCED. CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS REGIONAL COORDINATION OF SAR WAS PROPOSED FOR PORT OF SPAIN JULY 26-28. FOUR INDEPENDENT COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES (JAMAICA, GUYANA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND BARBADOS) SENT IDENTICAL NOTES INVITING U.S. TO PARTICIPATE. REPLIES TO FOUR INDEPENDENT COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES BASED ON STATE 143350 WHICH EMPHASIZED THAT USG SAR CAPABILITY HAD NOT BEEN REDUCED BUT MERELY RESTRUCTURED. USG SUGGESTED THAT TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS BE HELD BETWEEN U.S. COAST GUARD AND AREA GOVERNMENTS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND APPRISE AREA GOVERNMENTS OF U.S. COAST GUARD SAR CAPABILITY BEFORE ANY CONFERENCE WAS SCHEDULES.

B. TO DATE GOB IS ONLY GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO OUR

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NOTES. USG IS PLEASED THAT GOB SHARES VIEW THAT TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL FIRST STEP PRIOR TO ANY SAR CONFERENCE. THIS COULD BE DONE BY CORRESPONDENCE OR VISIT BY GC OFFICER OR COMBINATION OF BOTH. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATION AND TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS, U.S COAST GUARD WOULD PREFER TO SCHEDULE VISITS IF REQUIRED AND BRIEF INTERESTED AREA GOVERNMENT SERIATIM IN COURSE

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OF ONE TRIP.

2. ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WHETHER GOB REQUEST IS UNILATERAL OR IF USG CAN EXPECT RECEIVE SIMILAR NOTES FROM OTHER CCC. IF GOB REQUEST IS UNILATERAL SUGGEST THAT GOB CONSULT WITH OTHER CCC WITH A VIEW TO ARTICULATING PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS UPON WHICH CONSULTATIONS WRITTEN AND/ OR ORAL CAN BE HELD. IF VISIT BY COAST GUARD OFFICER FOR ORAL CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE DESIRABLE WOULD WISH TO KEEP CONSULTATIONS CONFINED TO CCC. PORTER

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